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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Dauncey, E., et al., "A Computerized Identification System for Poisonous Plants and Fungi", *Unlocking the Future: Information Technology in Plant Pathology*, University of Kent, Canterbury (Dec. 16-19, 1996).

This document was cited in a United Kingdom Patent Office Examination Report in a United Kingdom application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of the report is also enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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